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**ST98009A**International Application No:  
**PCT/FR99/00740**In re Application of **Byk, et al.**Application Number **09/647,678**Filed **2 October 2000**For **New Agents for Transferring Nucleic Acids,  
Compositions Containing Them and Their Uses**

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Examiner **Winston Alvarado**

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